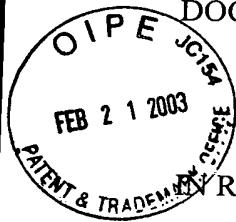


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In response to the Official Action dated November 21, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment and Request for Reconsideration in the above-identified application.

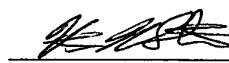
- No additional fee is required
- Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- Additional documents filed herewith: Cited Decision (1)
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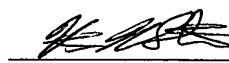

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